News Item Regarding Revival of HFC

753. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Sick Fertilizer Units can be made viable, says report" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 5th February, 1997; if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether Government would refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3034 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th December, 1996 in this regard an confirm the status of examination of the funding proposal by the Japanese Bank, received on 28th October, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir. The revival package for Barauni, Durgapur and Namrup units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) approved by the Government in principle in April, 1995 has been reformulated by an expert Group from the standpoint of funding by the Financial Institutions. Any final decision on implementation of the reformulated revivial package would depend upon the tie up of funding arrangements and outcome of the proceedings pending before the BIFR, which is a quasi judicial authority.

(b) The conditionalities of the preliminary offer of the Export and Import bank of Japan for participating in the revival of the functional units of HFC require further examination.

Setting up of an integrated Petro-Chemicals and Fertilizer Complex at Sattivedu

754. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
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PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that H.C. Hydro Carbon and Petro-chemicals Ltd. promoted by U.S. based American Corporation, is setting-up an integrated petro-chemicals and fertilizer complex at Sattivedu village of Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the cost of the project; and

(c) by when the work on the project is likley to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The application of M/s. H.C. Hydro Carbon and Petro-chemicals Ltd. Hyderabad for foreign collaboration for the manufacture of Nitrogenous and Phosphatic fertilizers in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh was rejected by the Government on 12th September, 1996 as the capitalisation proposed was very low considering the kind of product to be manufactured and also because the details of foreign collaboration agreement were not given.

The proposal of M/s H.C. Hydro Carbon and Petro-chemicals Ltd. for establishing 100% Export Oriented Unit for a refinery-cum-petro-chemical complex at Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh did not provide separate details for the refinery as well as petro-chemical complex. The party had been advised on 28th, February 1996 by the Government to make separate application for establishing petro-chemical complex indicating clearly the investment, value addition, details of sales, price and exports, etc.

Import of Urea and status of revival Plan of sick Fertilizers PSUs

755. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the Urea imported in 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (provisional) and value in rupee terms;

(b) the Urea production and consumption in the country during the above period;

(c) the status of revival plan of sick fertilizer PSUs, approved in principle by the Cabinet in March, 1995; and

(d) the projected production in sick fertilizer PSUs as per the revival plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The quantities of Urea imported on Government account during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (provisional) and C&F value thereof are given below:

Year	Quantity (lakhs tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1994-95	28.70	1603.62
1995-96	37.82	2840.13
1996-97 (upto Feb. 97)	23.28*	1701.75*

* as provisionally estimated.

(b) The production and consumption of Urea in the country during 1994-95 to 1996-97 are as under:

(In Lakh Tonnes)

Year	Production	Consumption
1994-95	141.43	171.12
1995-96	158.20	179.09
1996-97 (estimated)	155.44	200.96

(c) The revival packages of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) approved, in principle, by the Government in April 1995, envisaged the revamp of Sindri, Ramagundam and Talcher units of FCI; and Durgapur, Barauni and Namrup units of HFC with a fresh investment of Rs. 2201.13 crores at 1994 price levels, apart from capital restructuring and financial reliefs to the undertakings. The funding arrangement for these packages could not be tied up. An Expert Group was, therefore, constitued to reformulate the revival packages from the standpoint of funding by the Financial Institutions (FIs). The Group appointed a consultancy organisation to undertake an independent appraisal on technical viability of the revival packages. The consultancy organisation has since submitted its report, based on which the Group is now engaged in reformulating the revival packages for FCI/HFC. The final decision on implementation of the reformulated revival packages would depend upon the tie up of funding arrangements and outcome of the proceedings pending before the BIFR, which is a quasi judicial authority.

(d) As per the revival packages approved by the Government in April 1995, the revamped units of HFC & FCI are expected to produce 23 LMT of Urea annually.

औषधियों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

756. **श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन:**
डा० वाई० लक्ष्मी प्रसाद:

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गत एक वर्ष के दौरान औषधियों के मूल्य बढ़े है, यदि हां, तो कितने प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने गत तीन वर्षों में हुई मूल्य वृद्धि पर नियंत्रण के लिए कोई योजना बनायी है;

(ग) जीवन-रक्षक औषधों और अन्य औषधियों के मूल्यों पर नियंत्रण के संबंध में बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों की क्या राय है; और

(घ) भारत में कार्यरत इन औषधि निर्माताओं द्वारा औषधों के मूल्यों को नियंत्रित करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं और क्या उनके द्वारा भारत सरकार के पास कोई प्रतिवेदन भेजा गया है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शीश राम ओला): (क) अन्य वस्तुओं की तरह दवाइयों के मामले में कुछ मूल्य वृद्धि अपरिहार्य है। तथापि, समय-समय पर अध्ययन किया जाता है अभी